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Biography

William Leon St. Onge was born in Putnam, Windham County, Conn., October 9, 1914; attended the secondary schools of Putnam; graduated from Tufts University, Medford, Mass., in 1941 and from the University of Connecticut School of Law at Hartford in 1948; during World War II enlisted in the United States Army in 1942, serving in the Army Air Corps in North Africa and Europe, and was discharged as a flight engineer in September 1945; was admitted to the bar in 1948 and commenced the practice of law in Putnam in 1948; judge of probate court, 1948–62; served in the State house of representatives, 1941–42; mayor of the city of Putnam, 1961–62; judge of city court of Putnam, 1955–61; prosecutor of city court of Putnam, 1949–51; member of board of education of Putnam, 1939–41; chairman and executive director of redevelopment agency of city of Putnam, 1956–58; corporation counsel of Putnam; elected as a Democrat to the 88th and to the three succeeding Congresses, and served from January 3, 1963, until his death in Groton, Conn., May 1, 1970; interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Putnam, Conn.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *May 4, 1970.*

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.—Ephesians 6: 10.

Almighty God, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all Thy works and whose will is ever directed to Thy children's good, humbly we bow in Thy presence as we pray for those in the service of our country, particularly those who are prisoners of war—absent from their loved ones, yet always present with Thee. Protect them from all dangers of body and spirit, grant unto them humane treatment, help them to be patient with themselves, good to their fellowmen, and strong in Thee who are the strength of all Thy children.

Bless their families with the assurance of Thy presence and the comfort of Thy spirit. May they look forward with faith and hope to a safe return of their loved ones and to the end of war.

We pray for the family of our beloved colleague who has gone home to be with Thee. Grant them Thy comfort and the strength of Thy spirit as they live through these days.

In the Master's name we pray. Amen.

Mr. MONAGAN. Mr. Speaker, I have the sad duty of informing the House of the sudden death of our beloved friend and colleague, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. ST. ONGE). BILL died on Friday afternoon in Connecticut. He was engaged upon work of his office and driving to a launching ceremony at the time of his death. His wife was with him and members of his staff were with him. So he died in the pursuit of his duty, as I am sure he would have been

proud to do. His passing was a particular shock to me since I had lunched with him on Thursday and had flown to Connecticut with him on that evening.

The funeral will be tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Putnam, his hometown.

I know that all of us, particularly those of us from Connecticut who served with him, will always have in mind his courtesy, his kindness, his devotion to his constituents, his high standards of individual integrity, and his dedication to excellence in the performance of his congressional duties.

Since many of his friends are not here at the present time, Mr. Speaker, I do not suggest that we have eulogies today, but a future time will be set and due notice will be given so that all those who may care to join in eulogies of our late friend, BILL ST. ONGE, will have an opportunity to do so.

May I close by expressing on behalf of the House our deepest sympathy to BILL's widow, Dorothy, and all the members of his family.

Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 966

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, a Representative from the State of Connecticut.

Resolved, That a committee of fifteen Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER, The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Monagan, Mr. Daddario, Mr. Giaimo, Mr. Meskill, Mr. Weicker,

Mr. Donohue, Mr. Garmatz, Mr. Clark, Mr. Rostenkowski, Mr. Carey, Mr. St Germain, Mr. Edwards of California, Mr. Hungate, Mr. Tiernan, and Mr. Biaggi.

The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 5, 1970, at 12 o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, *May 12, 1970.*

Mr. MONAGAN. Mr. Speaker, last week I had the sad duty of informing the House of the death on May 1 of our dear friend and colleague, the gentleman from Connecticut, Mr. ST. ONGE. I stated then that I would request that time be set aside for those who were friends of BILL ST. ONGE to place upon the record their eulogies of his life and work, and for this reason I have asked for this special order today which is dedicated to BILL's memory.

I was privileged to act as chairman of the congressional delegation which flew to Putnam, Conn., on Tuesday, to attend BILL's funeral and to be present at his burial. The occasion was a sorrowful one, as one would expect in the case where a beloved person has suddenly been snatched from among his family and friends. The shock of his sudden death had clearly left its mark upon his wife, children, and family and yet, at the same time, one sensed an all-pervading and sympathetic warmth in the gathering in that crowded church and one could not help but feel that BILL's life had been a well-rounded whole of achievement and that sorrow of his passing was joined by pride and satisfaction in the accomplishment that his life represented.

To have the wholehearted and affectionate support of the thousands of people of his community, his district, and his State many of whom thronged to Putnam to attend his funeral, was a tribute which

few could achieve. In addition, the eloquent eulogy of Bishop Hines in its sincerity and scope was a tremendous and admirable memorial to BILL and one of which any one could be justly proud.

BILL's passing will be a loss to the people of his town and district, and it will also be a serious loss to the House of Representatives because in these difficult days we need in our national legislature people with the integrity, the maturity, and the judgment which BILL possessed. He was rapidly rising to a position of authority on the important Committee on the Judiciary and in that sphere, as well as in the broader area of general legislation and policy, the Nation can ill afford to lose his wise and reliable counsel.

I have worked closely with BILL since his coming to Washington in 1963, but during his last week I saw more of him than I had for a long time since we dined together on Wednesday, had lunch together on Thursday, and flew to Connecticut in the same plane the evening before his death. For these reasons, his passing was a particularly stunning shock to me.

BILL was devoted to his constituents and he set a high standard of performance in carrying out his congressional duties and it is significant that death came to him when, at the end of a busy week in Washington, he had gone home and was driving to a formal launching ceremony at a shipyard in his district. It can truly be asserted, therefore, that he died in the active performance of his duties and in striving for that excellence which he always held as his goal.

One could not close an appreciation of BILL without referring to his kindness. One of our colleagues in discussing him recently said he had never heard him say an unkind word about anyone and I am certain that this appraisal would be agreed to by all who knew him. He really practiced the virtue of charity, a practice which is not notably characteristic of today's world.

BILL leaves his devoted wife Dot, who cheerfully shared the trials of a public family, and their five children who are following their careers in exemplary fashion. I realize that BILL's death came as a great shock to them and that the void which his passing created will be impossible to fill. Nevertheless, I hope and believe that the wonderful memories and the outstanding reputation which BILL leaves behind will be a source of great pride and eventual consolation to them.

I express my deepest sympathy to Mrs. St. Onge and to BILL's entire family and, in doing so, I am confident that I express the sentiments of the leadership on both sides and of all the Members of the House of Representatives.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Speaker, with the death of Congressman WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE the State of Connecticut lost an extraordinary and extremely competitive representative. May I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Mr. ST. ONGE brought to the House of Representatives an excitement about what he was doing and a breadth of ideas about how to accomplish his goals that will be difficult to replace. His sense of purpose and his ability to rise above special interests allowed him to effectively propose a higher quality of life for his State and the Nation.

A native of Putnam, Conn., BILL was educated in Putnam public and parochial schools. He studied at St. Thomas Seminary for 2 years and studied in France for another 3 years acquiring a language facility which was later to serve him well. He returned to the United States to complete his education at Tufts University, graduating in 1941 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. After distinguished service in the North African and European campaigns he was discharged in September 1945.

Immediately following his release from the service, BILL married Dorothy Hughes of Bridgeport, Conn., and soon thereafter entered the University of Connecticut School of Law. After being admitted to the Connecticut bar in 1948, BILL returned to his hometown to establish a law practice and enter into civic and governmental life of the community. His legal ability was soon recognized with his election as corporation counsel and prosecutor of the city court, judge of the city court, and judge of probate. BILL was also active as a member of the board of education and served as chairman and executive director of the redevelopment agency for the city. Having served his community in the courts, in education and in its redevelopment effort, BILL was readily elected State representative and then mayor of Putnam. After an unsuccessful first attempt in 1960, BILL was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1962 and had returned with increasing ease since.

All his friends and many of those with whom BILL disagreed will remember his quick mind and keen wit. His ready intelligence enabled him to grasp the essence of any problem or proposal. He would restate the problem in half the words with humor added. He sought and became involved in the problems of his community, the State, and the country because he genuinely cared for the condition of those around him. He analyzed the problems of our society with acuity, compassion, and enough balancing humor to make the difficulties seem just a little less great and their solutions a little more hopeful.

In a day when many call for more love in the world and paint the word on city walls, BILL ST. ONGE was one man whose deep compassion leavened by his wit seemed to live guided by that regard for his fellow men. This ability was noted by the Most Reverend Vincent J. Hines, bishop of Norwich, who said:

> He had love—for his family, for the community, for the people of the four counties of Eastern Connecticut, and he had love for the nation he served in time of war. He loved his church and drew from it the moral strength to live a life of complete integrity.

Beyond all that, BILL ST. ONGE was my close and dear friend. For many years we found that a mutuality of thought and concern about our State and Nation brought us together. We have had friends in common—and this was expressly true in Middlesex County, which had been my home for so many years. It is never possible to forget the warmth of a man—and BILL ST. ONGE was a warm and friendly man—but he was much more than that—for he combined in wisdom and in character those essential ingredients of greatness. He has shown that by the heritage he has left us, for the work he has done has woven itself into the very fabric of our society. And because of that his memory will linger with us as we go about our work from day to day.

To his wife, Dorothy, and to his children—William H., Mary, Susanne, Constance, and Anne—Mrs. Daddario and I extend our deepest sympathy and everlasting friendship.

Mr. SMITH of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with the gentleman in expressing my respect and my sadness on the passing of BILL ST. ONGE. I never knew BILL as well as I would like to have known him. But he was a valuable member of our Committee on the

Judiciary and I did find him always, as the gentleman has said, to be a remarkably kind person—always a gentleman. I enjoyed my association with BILL and wish that it could have been more and deeper. We shall miss him.

Mr. GIAIMO. Mr. Speaker, it is sad to lose a colleague; it is tragic to lose a friend. I speak today, therefore, with profound and heartfelt sorrow, for BILL ST. ONGE was my friend.

We mourn the loss of a man who was admired by all who knew him in Congress, a man who was loved and respected in his beloved home of Putnam and throughout his native State of Connecticut, a man of character and compassion, a dedicated public servant.

Yet words alone cannot do him justice, Mr. Speaker, for words alone cannot describe the aura of warmth and understanding which BILL ST. ONGE brought to this Chamber every day. This warmth and understanding was what made BILL ST. ONGE someone special; someone to admire and emulate. Those of us who were especially privileged to serve with him in the Connecticut delegation know how much Congress and the Nation will miss him.

There were other things, too, that endeared BILL ST. ONGE to us. Here was a man who endured serious illness and literally gave his life in order to serve his people. Here was a man who embodied that rare combination of strong conviction and genuine tolerance. Here was a man without the slightest trace of pomposity or arrogance or hate. Here was a man who was never so troubled that he could not manage a warm smile and friendly greeting; a man never so angry that he could not be courteous and kind.

In short, BILL ST. ONGE was, in every sense of the word, a gentleman. His untimely and tragic death has left a void in this House and in Connecticut which can never be filled.

I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to BILL's widow Dorothy and to his fine children—William, Mary, Suzanne, Constance, and Anne.

Remembering that BILL ST. ONGE spent 3 years of his life as a student in France, I thought it appropriate to close with a brief expression in French, an expression made more meaningful because, above all, BILL ST. ONGE was a man of peace.

Que Dieu donne le repos a son ami, BILL ST. ONGE. Rest in peace, my friend.

Mr. PATTEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join in tribute to our late colleague WILLIAM ST. ONGE. Surely this would be a wonderful world if all of us could have the character he possessed. He came from Middlesex, Conn.; I am from Middlesex, N.J. From that point we became good friends. We would even sit together here in the House. We had much in common. I shall miss him. Ann and I express our deep sympathy to Mrs. St. Onge and to the rest of the family.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues from Connecticut and others in the House in paying a final tribute to our distinguished colleague and my dear friend, BILL ST. ONGE, whose life ended so tragically while he was en route with his wife and staff members to a submarine launching in New London, Conn., in his district.

It is fitting that BILL should have spent his final day on this earth doing his job. No Member took his duties more seriously and none devoted himself more completely to meeting all the myriad demands of his office. BILL ST. ONGE did not work by a stopwatch or a calendar. He was continually occupied with the business of representing his district. He was not, however, a parochial man. He had a well-informed and well-developed political and social conscience. The judgments he brought to bear on the issues were those of a thoughtful, responsible, and contemporary man, and his concerns embraced both the needs of his constituents and his country.

As has been stated, BILL was a highly decorated veteran of World War II, a lawyer, a civil servant, a judge, a prosecutor, a former member of the Connecticut Legislature, and a former mayor. He was goal oriented and had a busy, fruitful life. I hope that it may be a consolation to his widow and his children that his life has been marked by many great accomplishments.

BILL was held in the highest regard by his colleagues. Our respect for his ability and integrity is outshone only by the affection we held for him.

I extend to his widow and his children the deepest sympathy of Mrs. Albert and myself. May the Lord in His mercy comfort and support them.

Mr. LEGGETT. Mr. Speaker, this Nation of ours has got to mourn the loss of BILL ST. ONGE of Connecticut who untimely met His Maker last week.

BILL was a reliable liberal and representative of people. He asked nothing for his vote except a knowledge that the country and people would benefit.

BILL came to Congress with me in the 88th Congress in 1963. He represented well the shipping interests of his home State on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, on which we jointly served.

I will personally miss BILL ST. ONGE's counsel and fraternity on the House floor.

In these critical times, this country does not have BILL ST. ONGES to lose.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of my dear friend BILL ST. ONGE and will miss him very much. BILL ST. ONGE was a good man and a great man. He was possessed of great strength and courage. I admired, very much, the goodness which surrounded him. He was a happy man who enriched the lives of all of us who were fortunate enough to know him. Congressman ST. ONGE worked long and diligently for the people of his district and represented them in the halls of Congress with great distinction. His people, his State, and his Nation will miss Congressman ST. ONGE, for his was a dedicated life. Mrs. McCormack and I extend to Mrs. St. Onge and her loved ones our deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Mr. TIERNAN. Mr. Speaker, a man of peace, a man of God, a good friend, a helpful neighbor, a man of quiet courage and noble service, a devoted husband and father—BILL ST. ONGE was all of these. Now he is no longer with us and we are so much poorer for this loss. "Only the good die young" is so true a saying in this passing from our midst.

BILL ST. ONGE and I shared an identical district boundary—the Connecticut-Rhode Island State line. The districts have the same numerical listing as they travel southward from Massachusetts to the Atlantic Ocean. Many of my constituents worked in BILL's district and on a number of occasions we discussed the various problems and issues that affected the people we represented. BILL was never too busy to give assistance when it was needed.

BILL ST. ONGE had known the complete political experience. In his first race for Congress 10 years ago, BILL became a last-minute

candidate when the encumbent, Chester Bowles, decided not to stand for reelection. BILL had only 2 months in which to campaign and an opponent who previously represented the district for 10 years. BILL lost the race by less than 500 votes but 2 years later came back to win a difficult victory. Success at the polls for a Democrat in Connecticut's Second District is never an easy accomplishment and BILL worked hard and long for the honor to represent this district in the Congress of the United States.

BILL was always willing to be of help whenever called upon and the people of his district have indeed suffered a severe blow in his death.

I shall miss his friendly smile and his thoughtful manner. I shall miss also the pleasant and fruitful times we spent together in this Chamber. But most of all, I shall miss BILL ST. ONGE because he was a good and kindly man.

Mr. PHILBIN. Mr. Speaker, all of us in the House who knew, admired and loved Congressman WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, and his many friends everywhere were greatly shocked and deeply grieved to learn of his sudden passing while engaged in vital work in his district last Friday.

BILL ST. ONGE was one of the greatest Members ever to serve in this body. He was highly trained for his work, and deeply dedicated to it, and in every sense he died as a soldier stricken in the service of his country.

Congressman ST. ONGE was superbly trained and educated, and was a man of many accomplishments.

He was also a natural-born leader, blessed with a fine mind, and great understanding of public questions and the principles and objectives of our Government.

His work in the Congress was outstanding and dedicated, and he will be long remembered in his district and State, and in the Nation, as well as in this historic body, for the great contributions that he rendered to the cause of good, forward-looking government and the preservation of American values, security and freedom.

He had enjoyed a very remarkable career in public service, and served with greatest distinction as mayor of the city of Putnam, Conn., judge of probate, and also as director of the Putnam Redevelop-

ment Agency in 1956 after the flood of 1955, and rendered innumerable, extensive, praiseworthy services in all the positions he held.

His congressional career was marked by extraordinary performances of public service.

He was deeply devoted to his work and assisted very many people with their problems.

He was a man of strong convictions and never hesitated to express them. He stood staunchly for the measures he deemed best for the people and the country.

The work he did here, and the magnificent record he made in public life, will long be gratefully remembered by the people of his district, and by the Members of this House, who served with him and knew, respected, admired, and loved him, as we of the House all did on both sides of the aisle.

He was a leader of great ability, enthusiasm and integrity, a warmhearted human being with profound interest and loyalty to the country and his constituency who was unalterably committed to the cause of the people.

BILL was endowed with many God-given blessings of character, fitness, capacity, and talent and was deeply beloved by all of us who knew him as a warm, helpful friend, whose word was his bond, and whose loyalty to his principles was truly inspiring.

I was greatly saddened by his sudden passing, and I extend to his gracious wife, his lovely daughters, and devoted family my most heartfelt sympathy in the very tragic, shocking loss that they have sustained, which I and many others so prayerfully and sorrowfully share with them.

My heart goes out to all his dear ones in their sorrow, and irreparable loss, and for my family and myself, with a heavy heart, I tender them our prayers and deepest sympathy in their very sad bereavement from those of us who knew and loved this great American leader, BILL ST. ONGE.

Faithful and dedicated to the end, and true to the people, and the things in which he so devoutly believed, may our dear, gentle, and beloved friend, BILL ST. ONGE find eternal rest and peace in his heavenly home. And may the good Lord bless and comfort his dear ones.

Mr. WEICKER. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 1, while in Marlborough, Conn., I learned of the death of my friend and colleague, BILL ST. ONGE. Certainly, others in the Connecticut delegation and in the Congress had known BILL far longer than I. However, I would like to express as best I can my feelings about a man whom this freshman Congressman came to truly respect and hold in the deepest affection.

Upon coming to the Congress, I had only heard of BILL ST. ONGE by name and knew that he had courageously undergone a series of operations on his heart. I expected, therefore, to meet a man who would be conserving himself in the performance of his duties and who would have a rather reserved outlook on a new Member of Congress. Instead, I met a man who threw himself into his Nation's business with a vigor that few of us display. I met a man who always smiled, who was always responsive to my questions and who always had the time to sit down and discuss the issues, not as Democrat to Republican, but as friend to friend.

In short, what I am trying to say is that BILL ST. ONGE had that rare combination of boundless energy, a gentle humor, and a keen mind. Legislation was not a party or philosophical matter to him. Whenever discussed, it was always in terms of its effect on people.

When BILL ST. ONGE assured the people of his district that he would serve them without thought to the history of his health, he meant it. Sadly, that is what brings me to the well of the House this morning. To his wife and family, I wish God's strength in their hour of sadness. I know that as he spent his life caring for others, our Father now cares for him.

Mr. GARMATZ. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my many colleagues in the House in paying final tribute to our departed Member, WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE.

Although I shall miss him, I feel fortunate and privileged to have known him personally—both as a Congressman, and as a person. I came to know him well in both capacities, since he was a member of my Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

As a Congressman, Mr. ST. ONGE served on the committee with the same devotion, sincerity, and warmth that characterized him as a man.

Here was a man whose life, though far too short, was exceptionally

full and productive; he was a man of many interests, talents, and accomplishments. In his short life-span, he became a much-decorated World War II veteran, a teacher, a lawyer, a judge, and mayor of his native city before becoming a U.S. Congressman. He made many other contributions, and I know many of his colleagues will relate them here today, on the floor of this great body of Congress, which Mr. ST. ONGE served so ably.

But more important than all the titles was the man himself. I can sincerely say that I have never known a more warm, thoughtful, and dedicated human being.

Mr. Speaker, that feeling is deeply and unanimously shared by all members of my committee, and we have expressed that sentiment in a committee resolution, which will be presented to Mrs. St. Onge. Under unanimous consent, I wish to insert at this point in the Record a verbatim copy of that resolution, since I feel no finer tribute can be made. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF HON. WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE

Resolved, That members of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House of Representatives hereby express their profound grief and sense of loss upon the tragic and untimely death of their beloved colleague and Committee associate, the Honorable WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, and order the Clerk of the Committee to spread upon its permanent records this heartfelt resolution to his memory.

Mr. ST. ONGE was first elected to Congress in November, 1962, and, beginning January, 1963, has faithfully and ably served his District, his native State of Connecticut and his Nation.

Recognizing the vital importance of ocean transportation, Oceanography and Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey and Navigation, to his State and to the Nation, Mr. ST. ONGE requested election to the Committee; as a Committee member, he served with distinction and devotion to his many difficult and important assignments. In addition to those duties, he was also a member of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

The passing of WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE is a serious and grievous loss to our Committee. He will be mourned for many years and the product of his efforts will be undying.

Mr. ST. ONGE was a warm and friendly man. His quiet, soft-spoken manner, his genuine sincerity and his deep-seated, honest convictions, endeared him to all who knew him—whatever may have been their station or walk of life, or political conviction.

WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE embodied the most inspiring attributes of the true public servant. He served in this great body of the House of Representatives

for more than seven years before his master called him to a still higher service. His public career began with the government of his beloved State of Connecticut, to whose purposes he devoted himself with increasing distinction until he was chosen to come to Congress.

But this is only part of his story. During World War II, he resigned from his elected post as a State representative to join the Army Air Corps. Once again, he displayed complete dedication to his duty and loyalty to his country, winning five battle stars during 19 months of overseas duty.

After returning to his home State, Mr. ST. ONGE resumed his career as a dedicated public servant, first in various State positions of responsibility, and then in the House of Representatives. In both capacities, he worked tirelessly and made outstanding contributions, especially in producing legislation designed to promote education, better housing, aid to veterans, the sick and the elderly, and to better the lot of his fellow man.

We are fortunate to have been privileged to serve with WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE. Our lives are richer thereby.

The Committee members wish to extend their sincere condolence to his beloved wife, Dorothy, and to their five children, William H., Mary, Susanne, Constance and Anne.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. St. Onge.

Mr. FREY. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of our colleague, BILL ST. ONGE. As a freshman in the Congress, I had the opportunity to serve with BILL on the Merchant Marine Committee. Although we were on opposite sides of the aisles, his leadership and dedication to what was best for America soon became apparent. He was not afraid to say what he thought or stand up to the hard questions. It is men like BILL ST. ONGE who have made this a great country.

With a deep sense of loss, we mourn his passing.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, we talk today of a truly great American, Congressman WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE. In many respects BILL was a quiet man, not quiet in the sense that his voice was not heard, for BILL had much to contribute when he spoke. He gave us reason to think deeply about positions he had taken in his contributions of the molding of American history.

He had qualities that are rare in a man. In everything BILL did there was a sincerity that could make us envious. His feelings for the direction this country was to take were only made available to those of us who served with him after he had truly studied his position carefully.

To have served with him for the short time that he was here, and

I consider the 7½ years to be a short time, for there was so much more he could do to help us in a legative body guide this great ship we call the United States, is indeed an honor.

I had the privilege of attending the funeral at Putnam, Conn., a beautiful countryside where those who visited, could not help but witness the esteem in which BILL was held by his neighbors. He will be sorely missed not only by the residents of the Second District of Connecticut, but by all of us who served with him in the Congress.

To his wonderful companion, Mrs. Dorothy St. Onge, and his children, my wife LaVerne joins me in expressing our deepest sympathies.

Mr. FARBSTEIN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in expressing my shock and sadness at the sudden death, on May 1, of BILL ST. ONGE. BILL was a skillful attorney and a good and conscientious Congressman. He was unfailing in his courtesy to his colleagues and always helpful to his many friends. It has been my privilege to work closely with him on many issues and I have found his counsel to be good, his decisions sound, and his sympathy always present. We, and indeed the entire country, shall miss him sorely. He was a man who had much to contribute and his untimely death deprived us all of an able and kindly human being.

I only hope that his wife and family will derive some consolation from the esteem in which he was held and from the fondness with which he will be remembered.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in the tributes to my good friend, BILL ST. ONGE, whose premature death last week was a deep shock and source of great sorrow to us all.

BILL and I served together on the House Judiciary Committee and had a most enjoyable and cooperative relationship. His record of service in his committees and in behalf of his constituents in these past years is impressive, and I know that he will be sorely missed by the people of Connecticut, whom he served so ably and with deep dedication. The depth of his understanding of the problems and needs, not only of his district, but of the State of Connecticut and the Nation as well, is reflected in BILL's efforts and accomplishments in the House.

BILL ST. ONGE was one of the kindest and most courteous men it has been my pleasure to know. The Members of both Houses of the

Congress had the greatest respect and regard for him. His loss will be felt, not only by those in the House with whom he worked so closely, but especially by those of us who had the warmth of his friendship.

My deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. St. Onge and her children. I hope that the esteem with which BILL was regarded by his colleagues in the House and by his many friends will in some small way help to ease their sorrow.

Mr. HATHAWAY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 1, my good friend and colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, was taken from us. BILL was one of the first Members I met when I arrived in Washington in January 1965. We served together on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. It was a pleasure to know him and an honor to serve with him in this body. He represented the people of the Second District of Connecticut with distinction since his election to the 88th Congress. A promising legislative career has come to an abrupt end. I am sure we shall all feel the loss created by BILL's absence. I know I shall miss him deeply.

To Mrs. St. Onge and the children I extend my sincerest sympathy.

Mr. MIKVA. Mr. Speaker, WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE was a unique Member of this body. Both the ready smile and the unflappable urbanity were melded to some very firm commitments on the issues. BILL ST. ONGE was a "get along" Congressman; he was not a "go along" Congressman. His consistent liberalism and passion for constitutional rights made him a tower of strength on the Judiciary Committee and in the House as a whole. His colleagues will miss WILLIAM ST. ONGE; so will the country. There will always be a shortage in this country of men whose commitment to their own beliefs is so strong that they can respect and defend those who march to different drummers.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of my dear and good friend, BILL ST. ONGE.

For his genuine compassion, his sense of purpose and dedication, he endeared himself to all who knew him as colleague and friend.

It is with a deep sense of loss that I mourn BILL's passing and extend my heartfelt sympathy to his family. While there is little one can say to ease their sorrow, I know that they can take consolation in the

knowledge that his warmth and service touched all who knew him, and made all our lives more meaningful.

Mr. HUNGATE. Mr. Speaker, I suppose there is a short-hand description we conjure up, upon the mention of any Member's name. Such a description, of course, is inadequate to portray fully his work and character, but, perhaps, includes the more salient features of his personality.

Patience and compassion are the qualities BILL ST. ONGE calls to my mind. In the nearly 6 years I was privileged to know and work with him on the Judiciary Committee I can never recall seeing him lose his temper or indulge in the explosive outbursts to which some of us are prone under the stress of congressional service. When he disagreed with legislation or people, his reaction was more one of disappointment than anger.

Every Member of Congress and the people of the United States lost a good friend with the passing of BILL ST. ONGE.

Mr. HELSTOSKI. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that I learned of the death of our colleague, WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE.

The counsel of BILL ST. ONGE and his dedication to his duties and his fellow men will be sorely missed in this very trying period in the history of our Nation. He made his mark on the history of the House of Representatives through his hard work, dedicated service, and his unswerving honor.

In this particular era, we need strong men of intellect, determination, courage, and honor. BILL ST. ONGE was such a man and it is indeed unfortunate that Our Maker took him from our midst when so many important decisions must be made for the good of all mankind all over the world.

I will particularly miss BILL ST. ONGE for he was one of the first Members that I came to know after my arrival in Washington early in 1965. Through 2 years of service with him on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee I got to know him well and fully respected him and his judgment. His counseling of me was of the highest order and in keeping with his outstanding character.

I extend my deepest sympathy to the family of BILL ST. ONGE, and do pray that through this trying period the spirits of his wife and children will be lifted by the memories of a devoted husband and father and the deeds he accomplished.

Mr. KYROS. Mr. Speaker, in behalf of the Maine citizens who I represent, I join in mourning the untimely death of our colleague, WILLIAM ST. ONGE. In doing so, I must also express my own grief, upon the passing of a friend.

Since his election to the Congress in 1962, BILL ST. ONGE has shared the interests of many, many, residents of my own State. He was constantly seeking improved means of permitting elderly citizens to better enjoy their well-earned retirement. He was concerned about the need for clean air, and clean water. Through his distinguished service upon the Committee on the Judiciary, he reflected a sound knowledge and great respect for the law. As a member of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and a member of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, he worked for greater realization of our Nation's maritime role.

Most important to me personally is the kindness and basic sense of decency for which I will always remember BILL ST. ONGE. Approximately half a million residents of the State of Connecticut were fortunate to have WILLIAM ST. ONGE as their Congressman. Many of them, and many of us were even more fortunate to have BILL as a friend. He was a gentle and good man, and we shall miss him.

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in expressing my sincere sorrow at the passing of my good friend and colleague, BILL ST. ONGE.

BILL has served his country well during his many years of service as a member of the armed services, as a probate and city judge, as a mayor and board of education member, as a State representative in Connecticut, and finally as a Member of the House of Representatives. Along with all of his accomplishments and his distinguished service as a leader and loyal American, we will always remember him for his interest and dedication. He served on the Judiciary Committee with distinction. I will always value my association with BILL on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and will continue to remember his many contributions to committee work.

BILL ST. ONGE's worth never was measured by narrow or partisan standards. He served always as a statesman and not as a politician, thinking the most important thing to consider was the interests of the Nation.

We will miss him in this Chamber and I know the people of the Second District of Connecticut will miss his leadership.

My wife and I both offer our sympathy in this hour to his wife, Dorothy, and his children, Bill Jr., Mary, Suzanne, Constance, and Anne.

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, the death of an active Member of Congress always evokes expression of sympathy from colleagues and friends. However, the passing of Representative WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE of Connecticut leaves me with a particularly strong sense of grief.

His sincere friendship, especially during my first few months in Congress, was of such depth and warmth that it eased my burdens as a freshman Congressman. He was no less to his many other friends and fellow legislators.

On Tuesday, May 5, I was privileged to participate in BILL ST. ONGE's funeral as a member of the Congressional Funeral Committee. It was an experience I shall long remember. The tremendous outpouring of genuine and heartfelt sympathy by the people of Putnam, Conn., Congressman ST. ONGE's hometown, was an extraordinary tribute to this wonderful man.

As a public servant, BILL ST. ONGE dedicated his entire adult life to the promotion of democracy in America at all levels and sectors of government. His outstanding war record during World War II, his service as mayor, judge, and State legislator prior to his election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1962, attests to BILL's singular devotion to the people of his State and his country.

His sincerity, his exemplary public service, and his humanitarian nature made him a unique man among men.

As a friend and respected colleague, I offer my deepest sympathy to his wife Dorothy and his five fine children. His family, the State of Connecticut and this Congress will sorely miss Representative WILLIAM ST. ONGE, one of the few truly "beautiful" persons of our time.

Mr. FUQUA. Mr. Speaker, the passing of WILLIAM LEON ST. ONGE removes from our midst one of the most popular and able men serving in the U.S. House of Representatives.

His passing was particularly felt by me as I considered him to be a personal friend after meeting him as we were both elected to begin

our service in the 88th Congress. The fact that he did an outstanding job for his people is evidenced by the fact that they returned him for three more terms and I am certain if he had been permitted to live, he would have been easily reelected for a fifth term.

It is always distressing when someone you feel close to passes away and of all those I first entered the Congress with, BILL ST. ONGE is the first of our group to pass away in office.

I knew him to be a quiet and conscientious legislator. He had profound convictions and he was very effective in the work of the House. He was one of those people who could get things done without making a great deal of noise or attracting attention to himself.

A native of Putnam, Conn., where he still resided, he was a graduate of Tufts College and the University of Connecticut Law School. He served in North Africa and Europe in World War II in the U.S. Army and returned to his home to begin a distinguished public career.

He served as the mayor of Putnam and in many other positions of responsibility. It was this record of service that caused him to seek and win election to the Congress.

To his wife and five children, I extend my deepest sympathy. Theirs is a loss which none of us can fill, but I know it is comforting to them to know of the genuine respect and admiration in which he was held by his colleagues.

Mr. KASTENMEIER. Mr. Speaker, BILL ST. ONGE came to the House of Representatives in January 1963 as a newly elected Member of the 88th Congress and he served the House with honor and distinction for the rest of his life. He was well prepared for congressional service, having been elected to executive, judicial, and legislative positions at State and local levels. He interrupted his service as a member of the Connecticut Legislature when he waived his draft exemption to volunteer in World War II.

For many years preceding his election to the House, BILL had been actively interested in education and housing. In the latter area he became director and vice president of the Connecticut Urban Renewal Association. These interests also tended to qualify him for the national legislature.

As a lawyer, he was eligible for and was elected to the Committee on the Judiciary, where he was appointed to Subcommittee No. 3,

the subcommittee dealing with patents, trademarks, and copyrights and other legislation on assignment. In his second term in Congress, BILL continued to serve on the Judiciary Committee and was also elected to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, becoming a member of three subcommittees of that group.

My own association and friendship with BILL ST. ONGE, however, grew out of our service on Subcommittee No. 3 of Judiciary. Ed Willis was the chairman. When he left Congress, the chairmanship fell to me. And it is my hope that these brief remarks about BILL may reflect not only my feelings but also the feelings of our subcommittee colleagues who worked with BILL at the time of his death.

Mr. Speaker, BILL ST. ONGE was a modest man and he was a gentle man, yet he combined these qualities in rare proportions with diligence and determination. His searching questions to witnesses at hearings, quietly propounded, probed to the crux of problems and elicited answers that often clarified the issues for his colleagues. So, too, in executive sessions we came to count on his insights and contributions.

In the area of the subcommittee's specialty BILL introduced and worked for the enactment of important copyright and related bills and the subcommittee found his contributions invaluable.

BILL was a liberal in the best sense of the word. He was a balanced man. A devoted humanist, he pursued reason and could not be deflected from the search for truth.

I feel that the real essence of BILL ST. ONGE's service is best summed up by the title of an award that was given him in 1968 by the American Hellenic Education Progressive Association—AHEPA:

> For dedicated public service and steadfast pursuit of legislative excellence in promoting the enduring interest of nation and state and devotion to the dignity and rights of men.

Though plagued in recent years by recurrent ill health, BILL did not complain. He bore his troubles quietly and continued to deliver his best efforts. We sorely miss him, his gentle humor, his devoted support, but his memory remains and it is an inspiration to us.

Mr. BINGHAM. Mr. Speaker. I often referred—with affection and pride—to BILL ST. ONGE as "my Congressman." I could say this because I have spent at least part of each summer in the lovely Salem Valley which was a part of his district.

I did not have the good fortune to work closely with BILL in the Congress, or even to spend any great amount of time with him. But I always enjoyed our brief encounters, and I was deeply pleased when he kept winning his battles—for reelection and for life—against long odds.

I should like to say to his colleagues from my native State, and to his family, just this: I loved BILL ST. ONGE and I shall miss him very much.

Mr. EILBERG. Mr. Speaker, the recent death of my good friend and close associate, Representative WILLIAM ST. ONGE of Connecticut, has removed from our midst a man who had distinguished himself in all phases of public service.

BILL was a fine American, dedicated and hardworking, who performed his duties to his district, his State, and his country in the finest traditions of public service. He might be described as a "generalist"—a person who could make judgments and take action on the basis of an understanding of the overall considerations, human and political, as well as those requiring a highly developed critical intelligence applied to complex data.

It was my privilege to serve with Representative ST. ONGE on the House Judiciary Committee. There I came to know that his was a strong character, a warm personality, and of his firm patriotism and integrity.

In the House, he also served with distinction on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. He had been the mayor of Putnam, Conn., and a practicing lawyer, a judge, and a State representative.

I ever valued his warm friendship and his cool judgment. He contributed greatly to his country's causes. We may say of him that "at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember him."

We have lost a valued colleague. To MRS. ST. ONGE and her children, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives, the State of Connecticut, and the Nation was saddened by the passing of our colleague, WILLIAM LEON ST. ONGE.

Since the 88th Congress this outstanding legislator has served his

country in a dedicated, admirable, and capable manner. As a member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries he was in a position to work on matters vitally affecting the welfare of our Nation.

BILL's stature as a person will be long remembered.

Mrs. Johnson joins me in extending deepest sympathy to Mrs. St. Onge and their children.

Mrs. HANSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I join with Mr. MONAGAN and the other distinguished members of the Connecticut delegation in expressing my sorrow and regret at the death of Congressman BILL ST. ONGE.

He was a respected and able colleague and one of the nicest people I knew.

His life has been filled with service to his hometown, district, State, and Nation. Shortly after he completed college, he served his Nation in World War II and followed that with active participation in law and affairs of our Government. His work in Congress was distinguished. His thoughts and counsel will be missed—more than that, his smile and friendship are missed. Connecticut has lost a distinguished and able citizen. We have all lost a friend and the world is a poorer place for his going.

I extend my deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. St. Onge and her children.

Mr. POFF. Mr. Speaker, I want to add my voice to those who pay tribute to our distinguished former colleague, Hon. WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE.

I have had a special opportunity to come to know BILL. We have served together on the full Committee on the Judiciary and on subcommittee No. 3, which has special jurisdiction over patents and copyrights. In the day-to-day, shirt-sleeve work of the subcommittee, one sees at firsthand the qualities his colleagues bring to their jobs.

I soon came to know BILL ST. ONGE as a man of brilliant dimensions, perceptive insight, and deep compassion. He was disciplined by a keen instinct for equity in all things. Always patient, always methodical, always faithful in his attendance and his attention to tedious detail, he was firm in his convictions and yet ever-tolerant of the viewpoints of others.

And all that he did was graced by an ever-present good humor. His benign wit was always waiting just beneath the surface of a composed, tranquil personality to burst forth and illuminate issues and harmonize conflicts.

He will be sorely missed here in the Congress. My profound sympathy goes out to his loved ones who bear the burden of this tormented time.

Mr. ANNUNZIO. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in expressing my sorrow and condolences to the family of my good friend, WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, who passed away suddenly on May 1.

The contributions BILL made during his active and very successful political career are well known to all of us, and his family can be justifiably proud of his distinguished record of public service.

BILL was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1962 and represented the Second District of Connecticut which includes the four eastern counties of that State. He was a valued and highly regarded member of the Connecticut congressional delegation, the House Judiciary Committee, and the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

I had the privilege of serving with him on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and know firsthand of the outstanding contributions he made to the legislative proposals which have come before our committee.

Congressman ST. ONGE was a graduate of Tufts College, and received his law degree from the University of Connecticut Law School. He served as a State representative, probate judge, prosecutor, chairman of the housing authority, director of the redevelopment agency, and finally as mayor of Putnam, Conn., before being elected to the Congress of the United States.

It is a tragedy that BILL ST. ONGE passed away at the comparatively young age of 55. His skill in the legislative field, and his keen insight and sensitivity to the needs and wants of the American people, will be missed not only by his colleagues but also by his constituents whom he had served so well during the 88th, 89th, 90th, and 91st Congresses.

Mrs. Annunzio joins me in extending to his widow, Mrs. Dorothy St. Onge, and to his five children, our personal and deepest sympathies on the loss of their beloved husband and father.

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Speaker, it is a sad duty which I feel impelled to perform in paying final tribute to my beloved colleague—Representative BILL ST. ONGE of Connecticut.

This soft-spoken, yet thoughtful and intense, lawmaker served with me on the House Judiciary Committee during the past 5 years.

Representative ST. ONGE's contributions to the work of our committee were always constructive and meaningful.

Representative ST. ONGE's personal qualities endeared him to all of his colleagues. His infectious smile, his persuasive speech, and his personable manner truly characterized him as a beloved man whose friendships were numerous on both sides of the political aisle. Representative BILL ST. ONGE's passing has come as a shock to those of us who have had frequent contact with him. My wife, Doris, joins me in extending to his wife, Dorothy, and to other members of his family our deep sympathy.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Speaker, WILLIAM LEON ST. ONGE was a great but quiet man. Educated at Tufts College, by profession a skillful lawyer, a veteran of the North African and European campaigns during World War II, BILL ST. ONGE brought the rare combination of intellectuality and compassion and the capacity for rational judgment to his role as national legislator. He was also a great family man, whose loving wife and five children will sorely miss his strength and confidence.

In these irrational times of strident debate and destructive reaction, WILLIAM ST. ONGE is the sort of man whom this country most needs. He was never a shouter. He never operated on the assumption that he must prove himself to be anything other than just the sort of man he was: quiet, rational, unafraid. We could do no better than to emulate the character of Congressman ST. ONGE during these days of crisis. He moved among men with the spirit of the counsellor and the conciliator; he never threatened what he could not produce. The Halls of this Congress never rang with his loud denunciations or castigations of any class of people, rich or poor, old or young. He never sought to repress the feelings of others with whom he did not agree. No, BILL ST. ONGE was rather a model of love, quietude, and tolerance. Let us not only mourn BILL ST. ONGE, but also strive to emulate him.

Mr. WOLFF. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in mourning the untimely death of our distinguished and able colleague, WILLIAM ST. ONGE.

When the news came this weekend of BILL ST. ONGE's passing, I immediately thought of how helpful and constructive he was on the many projects on which we worked together. Foremost among these was conservation of Long Island Sound. Perhaps it is an important insight into this man's foresight and sensitivity that he was active in matters of conservation long before this became a popular public issue.

I also thought how BILL ST. ONGE was an excellent Congressman, not only for his constituents in Connecticut but for the entire Nation. Congressman ST. ONGE had a sweeping view of national issues and was in the forefront of many public undertakings of importance to the United States.

What was especially appealing about Congressman ST. ONGE was that he combined his intensity on public issues with a congenial personality that made him one of the best liked men in this body.

I will miss, and I know my colleagues will miss, BILL ST. ONGE who had the drive to continue following a difficult schedule even though he was sometimes in ill health. I wish to extend my most sincere and deepest condolences to his family along with the assurance that in his life Congressman WILLIAM ST. ONGE made many positive and lasting contributions to American life.

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to join my colleagues in paying tribute to a man who added much to the dignity of this distinguished body, who contributed to the events of our time honorably and significantly by his actions in this Chamber, who earned the love and respect of his colleagues and the people of his district, and who will be greatly missed—Honorable WILLIAM ST. ONGE.

Congressman ONGE, serving his fourth term in office, died as we all would probably wish—still in the harness and performing his duties. But it saddens me that a man should be taken in his prime when he had so much to contribute.

The list of honors accorded him is long, but no less than a man of his mettle would deserve, for WILLIAM ST. ONGE was a dedicated

public servant in every sense of the word, giving of his time and efforts for the betterment of all mankind.

WILLIAM ST. ONGE was an able attorney, an educator, a civic-minded, public-spirited citizen who served his country in World War II with distinction, then returned home to serve his native city of Putnam as probate judge, prosecuting attorney, judge of the city court, chairman of the Putnam Housing Authority, director of the Putnam Redevelopment Agency and mayor before a successful bid for Congress.

All our lives have been enriched because we knew WILLIAM ST. ONGE, and it is a privilege for me to pay tribute to a man whom I admired and respected. I know my feelings are shared by all Members when I say the death of WILLIAM ST. ONGE is a deep loss to the House of Representatives.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Mr. Speaker, may I join my colleagues in expressing my sorrow and profound sense of loss at the death of our friend and associate, BILL ST. ONGE. The passing of someone with whom you have worked and shared the burdens and sense of accomplishment of daily legislative endeavor toward common goals always comes as a tragic shock, and I think this is especially so in the case of our late colleague, WILLIAM LEON ST. ONGE of Connecticut.

Across party lines and regional differences of perspective, there are bonds that link all of us together as Members of our national legislature with shared purposes and traditions. BILL's untimely passing is thus a double loss—of a unique and wonderful friend, and of an admired and respected colleague whose wisdom and dedicated service to the public will be greatly missed by all of us.

BILL spent his entire adult life in service to his community, his State, and his country. As a lawyer, he drew on his expertise and experience to make an outstanding contribution to the work of the House Judiciary and Merchant Marine Committees. His achievements in community leadership earned the loyalty and gratitude of his constituents in Connecticut, who returned him to Congress in every election since the one that brought him to the House of Representatives in 1962.

It is a terrible loss to the country when a fine man and great public servant like WILLIAM ST. ONGE passes away. But in his lifetime he set an example of devotion to public service and leadership which

inspired those around him to finer efforts and others, perhaps, to follow in his path. Our country can truly take pride in the kind of citizenship that he demonstrated, for it was in the tradition that has made this the greatest Nation in the world.

To BILL's bereaved family, I extend my deepest sympathy. Their grief and sorrow is shared by everyone who knew him.

Mr. MURPHY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to our late colleague and friend, WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, who represented the Sceond District of Connecticut in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Prior to his election to the Congress in 1962, Mr. ST. ONGE had a varied and distinguished career as a State representative, mayor of the city of Putnam, probate judge, judge of Putnam City Court, prosecutor of Putnam City Court, and chairman of Putnam Redevelopment Agency. During World War II, Mr. ST. ONGE served his country as a member of the Army Air Corps. While in service, he won five battle stars during his 19 months of overseas service in North Africa and Europe.

Throughout his career in the House of Representatives, he demonstrated a deep commitment to both the people of the Second Congressional District in Connecticut and to the Nation. Those of us who knew and worked with him respected him not only for his dedication and hard work as a legislator, but also for his warmth and friendliness as an individual.

His death deprives Congress and the State of Connecticut of a valuable public servant. His colleagues have lost a good friend.

Mrs. Murphy joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to his wife Dorothy and their five children on their great loss.

Mrs. MINK. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened by the death of Representative WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, of Connecticut.

Representative ST. ONGE enjoyed the respect and friendship of every Member of this House. I know that I have had occasion to work with him on numerous occasions on legislation of mutual interest, and his contribution to the Congress was both profound and distinguished.

As a member of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, his committee work was of great importance to the people

of my State which is dependent on merchant marine transportation and has a large fishing industry. We are all thankful for the many times when Representative ST. ONGE took actions favorable to the interests of our respective States and the Nation as a whole.

In his beliefs, he represented what I construe to be the finest ideals of America—the concept of freedom of the individual, equality, and justice for all. He worked ceaselessly on behalf of the poor and hungry and oppressed of this country, and his efforts were rewarded by the knowledge that he had made significant accomplishments for our people.

It is a cruel twist of fate that the residents of his district are deprived of his continued service, and the Members of this House lose a respected and effective colleague. It is a tremendous loss to our entire Nation, and I devoutly feel that we can ill afford to lose a man of the stature of WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE.

Yet we will continue to benefit from the inspirational example provided by this most exemplary Congressman whose dedicated, visionary achievements will always stand in cherished memory. Let us always be proud to have known him, and follow in the idealistic spirit of Representative WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE.

Mr. EDWARDS of California. Mr. Speaker, for the past 6 years, BILL ST. ONGE and I sat together on the Judiciary Committee, where he was my immediate senior. I had a keen admiration for his ability. In his quiet, logical way, he was very effective. But more than that, I got to know him as a human being, and came to respect him deeply for his goodness. He was a very human man who exhibited a tremendous concern for his constituents in Connecticut's Second District and an extraordinary feeling for his family. Our own sense of loss at his death, deep as it is, must be small compared to theirs. My sympathies are with his wife, Dorothy, and their five fine children.

Mrs. HECKLER of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it was with a sense of profound grief that I learned of the untimely death of BILL ST. ONGE. As a fellow New Englander and colleague, I knew BILL as an able statesman and warm and trusted friend. His overwhelming commitment to his country, his devotion to constituents, and profound dedication to Congress served as a source of inspiration to us all. In the present time of national dilemma and dissent in which we

find ourselves, the loss of BILL's leadership and example is particularly hard to bear. No eulogy to BILL ST. ONGE could serve as adequate testimony to this noble Congressman from Connecticut. We in the House of Representatives shall miss him, and we take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the many colleagues and friends of BILL ST. ONGE in paying tribute to a magnificent man and an unusually gifted legislator. As a lawyer, public official, and Member of Congress he rendered great service to his State and country. His gentle manner, pleasant and cooperative disposition, and quiet courage were attributes which gave him a special place in the affections of his colleagues in this House. I shall miss him, and I extend to his family my deepest sympathy on their personal loss.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I am very grieved at the loss of BILL ST. ONGE of Connecticut. As I join the House leaders and membership today in expressing our sorrow at his passing, I want to say that I had nothing but the highest regard for his actions as a Member of this body.

BILL ST. ONGE was always well versed on the subject under discussion and above all was courteous and fair to everyone. These attributes coupled with the many others he possessed will indeed be missed. The St. Onge family has lost a devoted husband and father and the Nation has lost an outstanding public servant.

Mr. FEIGHAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I join with my colleagues to pay tribute to our departed colleague BILL ST. ONGE, whose sudden passing shocked and saddened us all.

It was my privilege to serve with BILL on two committees, which afforded me an opportunity to benefit from his friendliness and his keen insight into problems and issues we faced.

BILL was a man of sterling character and dedication to the highest principles which always motivated him. BILL was a devoted worker for peaceful and humanitarian causes and we shall miss him. I extend to Mrs. St. Onge and their children my sincere sympathy.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, we Members of the House and the constituents he so ably represented were saddened by the death last week of our good friend and colleague, WILLIAM ST. ONGE.

BILL will be remembered by all of us since he was a good friend and one of the most respected Members of this body. Those of us who knew him well realize that BILL ST. ONGE had recovered from previous physical setbacks and that he constantly provided service to his constituents even when setting a slower pace might have been more expedient for him.

It has been a privilege for me to have known and worked with such an outstanding public servant as BILL ST. ONGE who will be long missed by all of us and long remembered by us.

Mrs. Derwinski joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to his wife Dorothy and their son and daughters.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, the Honorable WILLIAM ST. ONGE was one of the most gracious men with whom I have ever served. The gentleman from Connecticut had a keen, incisive mind and wit. He had a very perceptive understanding of people, effectively combined with a deep concern for their well-being. Added to this was his knowledge of the inner workings of Congress and his objective appreciation of its deliberations, all of which made him a highly competent and extremely effective Member of Congress. He was a diligent legislator and his concern was always doing his utmost for his District, his State, and his Nation.

BILL ST. ONGE was a man of absolute integrity for which I and all of his fellow Members in Congress held him in the highest regard. I extend to his wife and children my deepest condolences at this time of sorrow with the thought that his long dedication and efforts on behalf of his family and country are of some solace.

Mr. WHALEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. Monagan) and the other Members of the House in pausing this afternoon to recognize the service to this House and the Nation of our late colleague, BILL ST. ONGE.

Mr. Speaker, I did not have an opportunity to get to know BILL well during the little more than 3 years we served together. However, I was especially impressed by his experiences in housing and redevelopment which were particularly helpful to those of us who represent

urban areas. I also was impressed by the pleasant and amicable manner he always extended to Members on both sides of the aisle.

Too, I believe we should recognize the distinguished service which he rendered as a member of the House Judiciary and Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committees.

To his wife and five children, I extend my deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

Mr. MATSUNAGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this sad occasion to join with others in paying tribute to our dear friend and late colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE.

BILL and I came to Congress in 1963 as freshman Members of the 88th Congress, and for nearly 8 years I was privileged to enjoy his friendship. He and I occupied offices in adjoining hallways of the Cannon House Office Building, and I found our sharing of views on various matters both stimulating and enlightening.

BILL was highly knowledgeable as a legislator, and he was particularly well informed on matters relating to his work as a member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Only a day before his death, I had occasion to confer with BILL on a maritime matter of vital importance to our Island State. As always, he was highly discerning in his judgment and very considerate of my request. Indeed, Hawaii has lost a valued friend, the State of Connecticut a great Congressman, and the Nation a distinguished leader.

BILL'S service in Congress was marked by integrity and devotion to duty. In fact, death came to BILL ST. ONGE while he was engaged in the performance of his duties. He was being driven to a submarine launching ceremony in his home State of Connecticut when he suffered a cardiac arrest that was to end his life. As our distinguished colleague from Connecticut (Mr. Monagan) pointed out when he informed the House of the sudden death of BILL ST. ONGE:

> So he died in the pursuit of his duty, as I am sure he would have been proud to do.

Mr. Speaker, together with the Members of the House, I mourn BILL ST. ONGE'S passing, and extend to his bereaved family my deepest sympathy. May there be some measure of consolation to them in knowing that he met death while pursuing the work he loved best—service to his country.

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the late WILLIAM ST. ONGE, one of this body's most able and astute Members. BILL ST. ONGE was known throughout the Congress for his dedication, for his legislative skill, for his remarkable ability to get things done swiftly and expertly. A host of friends all the way from his hometown of Putnam, Conn., to Washington, D.C., can testify to his striking success as Representative for Connecticut's Second District.

Educated at Tufts College and the University of Connecticut School of Law, BILL began practicing law shortly after his admission to the bar in 1948. Earlier—between 1941 and 1945—he served with the U.S. Army in Europe and North Africa. After the war he served his native region of Connecticut in a wide diversity of posts: probate judge, State representative, mayor of Putnam, judge of Putnam's city court, chairman and executive director of the city's redevelopment agency.

Elected to Congress in 1962, he served with distinction on the House Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

BILL will be missed—and missed greatly—by his colleagues on Capitol Hill and his constituents in Connecticut.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. MESKILL. Mr. Speaker, the death last week of Congressman BILL ST. ONGE came as a shock to me.

BILL was a good friend whose service to the people of his district and to the residents of Connecticut will long be remembered. Serving together on the Judiciary Committee, I had an opportunity to observe BILL at work. I quickly learned that he was a hard working, effective Member of Congress. He was one of the best-liked Members who had friends on both sides of the aisle.

BILL's knowledge of and experience with the workings of Congress were a great help last year in securing the House passage of the Connecticut-New York Railroad Passenger Transportation Compact. He performed yeoman service in rounding up support for this important legislation which enabled the two States to proceed with a comprehensive railroad modernization program.

BILL's concern for the future of education was well known in Connecticut. He worked continuously for increased funding of the aid to impacted areas program.

He was also concerned about the world refugee problems and supported increases in the immigration quotas to permit refugees to enter the United States.

BILL was a sincere man of great compassion. His kindness, his humility, his dedication, his devotion to duty—to serving his constituents, his State, and his Nation—are an indication of the kind of man that BILL ST. ONGE was. All who knew him respected and admired him as a man of high standards and great integrity.

BILL was a credit to the Congress, and the Congress will sorely mourn his passing.

In closing, I wish to express my deepest sympathy to BILL's widow, Dorothy, and the members of his family.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, "If men be good," wrote William Penn, "government cannot be bad." These words may serve as a tribute to the life and career of our departed colleague, Congressman WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, whose sudden passing has profoundly affected this House. We all feel a sense of genuine loss. Conscientious, diligent, resourceful, unfailingly good-natured, he faithfully upheld the highest traditions of public service.

Deeply attached to his home State of Connecticut, BILL ST. ONGE served her as judge of probate and State representative, always with dedication and integrity. He enjoyed the distinction of being elected mayor of his hometown and birthplace, Putnam, Conn., indicating the confidence he inspired in those who knew him best.

In 1962 he won election to the 88th Congress and was reelected to each succeeding Congress. In the House his record is well known. He was a member of the House Judiciary Committee and of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

I was privileged to serve with BILL ST. ONGE on the House Judiciary Committee where he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues. I valued his friendship and will miss him. His unassuming personality and quiet wit always made it a delight to be with him.

To his wife and to his five children I extend my deepest sympathy and that of my family for a loss which, while especially grievous for them, will also long be felt by us, his friends and colleagues. I am sure that the enduring memory of his life will be for his family, as for all of us, a continuing consolation and inspiration.

Mr. MONAGAN. Mr. Speaker, there have been many expressions of loss and appreciation in the press of our State for BILL ST. ONGE, but two of these I believe to be worthy of reprinting.

The first, from the Norwich Bulletin by Arthur Mattson is a particularly sensitive and observant column written with a unique force and eloquence.

The second is a more traditional and restrained editorial entitled "WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE," which appeared in the Waterbury Republican on May 4, 1970. This editorial with its brevity and spareness well describes the career of BILL ST. ONGE and provides an appropriate epitaph for him.

For the appreciation of Members of the House, I append these articles to my remarks:

[From the Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin, May 3, 1970]

CAMPAIGN, 1970

(By Art Mattson)

"The courage of life is often a less dramatic spectacle than the courage of a final moment; but it is no less a magnificent mixture of triumph and tragedy. A man does what he must—in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures—and that is the basis of all human mortality."

That passage from John F. Kennedy's "Profiles in Courage" best typifies the life and service of U.S. Rep. WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE of Putnam, whose untimely death Friday marks a void in a record of dedicated public service to his community, his country and more importantly to his constituents in Eastern Connecticut.

Congressman ST. ONGE was a different breed of representative on Capitol Hill. He was not a mover and shaker of the tight-knit club membership in the House, but his quiet and efficient involvement in the affairs of his office did make a dent, and often a refreshing dent, in the staid workings of Congress.

At the time of his death Friday afternoon, we were just putting the finishing touches on this week's column . . . a column that noted the loss Connecticut would receive this year with the entry of three of Connecticut's congressmen into the state political arena. We had noted that of the three congressmen seeking re-election this year (U.S. Reps. John S. Monagan, Robert N. Giaimo, and ST. ONGE), there was a total of 32 years of seniority . . . and now that figure has dropped to 24, with passing of BILL ST. ONGE and his eight years of service in Washington.

We had noted the futility of the absolute "rule of seniority" in the House, which would in all likelihood deny him the chance for a chairmanship of a

House committee. Bill St. Onge knew of this futility, but would not be deterred from his prime objective . . . that being to service the needs of his constituents in the machinations of Washington, and to represent them in the affairs of their country.

He was content in Congress, and gave little, if any thought, of seeking higher public office. It was in the House, he felt, where he could be of service to his constituents, and it was this need, overwhelming desire, that perhaps contributed to his death.

Bill St. Onge had suffered several heart attacks during his third term in Congress and had undergone serious heart surgery in the spring of 1968. On his return home for a period of recuperation, we met with him in his unpretentious Putnam home for a long talk about his plans for re-election that year, and his views on the state of the nation.

He was well prepared for that interview, having spent most of his time in Cleveland reading and contemplating the affairs of state. One of the items that concerned him most at the time was the escalating war picture in the Asian nation of Vietnam, and it was during this period of time that Bill St. Onge developed a "dovish" position on the Vietnam War and urged the need for a reevaluation of his nation's role in that war.

His hopes at that time were for a withdrawal of American forces from that land, leading him to support the "peace plank" in the party's platform at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

1968 was a rough year for the congressman, still recuperating from his heart surgery, he embarked on what was to be the toughest campaign of his political career. But the surgeons in Cleveland had done their work well, and the rigors of that campaign were not as great upon the candidate as they had been in prior years.

But one thing we noticed in that campaign was the amount of tension that develops within a candidate . . . and the tension we saw in the fall of 1968 was visible at this early date in 1970. This was to be a bad year for candidate St. Onge, he would have to work hard to regain re-election in November, and he was hard at work when he died.

St. Onge's appointment with his God came while he was on his way to a launching of a submarine in Groton, but that was not the last stop in his schedule for the day, he had several more stops to go before the day was over, and Saturday and Sunday offered no respite.

It was this kind of activity, piled on top of being a good congressman seven days a week that eventually took its toll. Dining with St. Onge in Washington seven days ago, we could visibly discern that tension and the tired look, one that doctors had advised him to forego.

But, Bill St. Onge was a Congressman, and to him that meant service to his constituents day and night, seven days a week, without regard for personal consequences and dangers.

To the end, Bill St. Onge was representing his people . . . he had not forgotten who he was, where he came from . . . and most importantly . . . who had sent him.

In brief, the life and service of Congressman WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE can best be written with what Virgil called the tears of things:

"Now the trumpet summons
And he will tread these paths no more
But by his example he has set the mark
For him who would follow a star."

[From the Waterbury (Conn.) Republican, May 4, 1970]

WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE

U.S. Rep. WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE rose from political obscurity in Eastern Connecticut to become a distinguished congressman representing the Second Congressional District. His sudden death from a heart attack deprives his district and the entire state of a congressional representative who has served well.

He comes from a religious family—his brother is a monsignor and his sister, a mother superior. He started in politics in Putnam, his home town, early in life. He was elected to the Board of Education while still attending college.

He was elected to the legislature in 1941 but entered the Air Corps. He received his law degree after the war and later was elected mayor of Putnam. In 1962 he was elected to Congress in the Second District which covers all of Eastern Connecticut.

ST. ONGE always maintained a special interest in education. For four years he was an instructor at the College of Pharmacy at the University of Connecticut.

He had a special feeling for the needs of the people. Among the issues which he fought were funding for refugees in Europe, elimination of artificial restrictions on aid to dependent children and tax relief for communities with major defense industries. ST. ONGE made his mark in Congress and in Connecticut politics, not by being flamboyant, but by being sincere.

He had previously suffered a series of heart attacks, but his health had improved and he was preparing to run for a fifth term in Congress. His sudden death at the age of 55 is a tragic loss to his family and to the entire state. Both political parties will have to look hard to find candidates who are as competent to run for his seat.

WEDNESDAY, *June 17, 1970.*

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Mr. Speaker, the privilege of serving in the Congress of the United States is one that carries with it many honors. The duties of the office are extensive. There are times when one reflects upon the many benefits that accompany the office. One of the

most pleasant is that of meeting one's colleagues. Nowhere else can one encounter so many unusual and wonderful people who come from so many different places and varied backgrounds and bring with them so many diverse talents and qualities.

William L. St. Onge was certainly one of the bright lights that came to Washington during this past decade. Naturally, I was eager to meet him when I heard of his election in 1962. We had much in common. We were both brought up in New England and proud to represent this area of the country in the Congress. Our names bore similarity—which is quite evident—and our ethnic backgrounds were very similar. Our educational backgrounds bore a striking resemblance in that we both, for a period of time, hoped to serve our fellow man in the religious life. Finding that this was not the exact calling for us, we then went on to serve our fellow man by becoming attorneys and entering public life.

Bill St. Onge spent many years serving his native city of Putnam, Conn., prior to coming to the Congress. He interrupted his initial service in the State legislature to waive his draft exemption as a legislator and enlist in the Army. This was the character of the man. It was typical of him that on many occasions, during his fruitful and productive lifetime, he thought of his country and his fellow man first and of himself second. Upon his return from the service, he completed his education and once again embarked on a career of public service.

There is not a phase of activity important to the man on the street in which my beloved colleague did not become involved. His record in the Congress is an enviable one. It is in the records of the House for all to see as the years go by.

But the true measure of the man is not restricted or confined to his public life. Fortunately, his family—his lovely wife, Dorothy, and his five splendid children—can remember him not only for his professional accomplishments, to which they can always point with pride, but, more important, can remember him as an exceptionally devoted and loving husband and father.

Because of the many parallels in his life and mine, it was a natural consequence that we would share many hours together when we were both away from our families who resided in the district while we were working in Washington during the week. It was my happy privilege

to share many noontime and evening meals with him. I now look back upon these innumerable occasions with a feeling of warmth and gratitude that I was able to spend so much time with BILL. One of his great qualities was that he knew no anger. Never do I recall his ever speaking of any one of his colleagues, his acquaintances, his constituents, nor even, at times, his opponents in anything but a complimentary manner. BILL's smile was infectious and often brightened a dull day.

After his very serious surgery, all of us in the Congress were happy when he returned to our midst. The only fault I could find with him was that he would not heed my advice, nor that of many others, to take better care of himself. He felt it his solemn duty and obligation to return to his district every weekend and make as many public appearances as possible. Still, knowing the man, the failure to keep up this pace might have been just as harmful to him.

He left us all very suddenly. He and I flew back to our districts on that last Thursday evening together. During the flight, the conversation was about the appearances we were committed to, and we both discussed how much time we might be able to spend with our wives and children.

The death of BILL ST. ONGE at such a young age was certainly a tragedy to all of us who knew him. Above all, it is a terrible loss for his family to bear. Yet, there is no manner in which this can be changed; therefore, we must be grateful for the fact that we knew him and had him as a friend.

His family, in their sorrow, must look at it as BILL would have. He left them a rich heritage and pointed the way for his children. I am sure that he instilled in them the same love for and desire to serve his fellowman as he had.

In conclusion, may I just take a few more moments to describe the day of BILL's funeral. It was one of those New England days that make that section of the country so attractive for everyone. The sun was shining brightly upon the tree-shrouded hills surrounding the city of Putnam. The fields and the lawns were sun drenched and cheerful. The streets of this quaint little city were lined with the people that BILL had gone to school with, grown up with, and worked with. Everyone of those people knew BILL intimately and were proud of him, their Congressman. His death had come as a shock, and as

one looked into their faces and saw the tears streaming from their eyes one realized how much they loved and admired him. There is no doubt in my mind that, as impressive as the delegations of public officials might have been, certainly this tremendous outpouring of his fellow citizens was the most heartwarming and gratifying tribute that could have been paid to him.

The funeral mass was comparatively simple, and yet most impressive, with his own brother officiating. The homily preached at the funeral by His Excellency Vincent J. Hines, bishop of Norwich, was most appropriate and very typical of BILL, in that it was brief and simple, yet exceptionally meaningful.

I am inserting it in the Record at this point for the benefit of many colleagues who could not be present:

HOMILY PREACHED AT FUNERAL OF CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, BY VINCENT J. HINES, BISHOP OF NORWICH, IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PUTNAM, CONN., MAY 5, 1970

Sudden death always stuns and saddens. This is especially true when death deprives us of someone who has been so beloved by his family and so respected and admired by all who knew him.

There are so many things we shall long remember about BILL ST. ONGE. His family will keep him in their hearts as a loving son, a devoted husband and father, an inspiring older brother, a relative of whom they all have so many reasons to be proud.

The people of Putnam will cherish his memory as one of its most illustrious and faithful citizens, who brought to his native city honor and pride and distinction.

St. Mary's parish will remember him as a loyal son of the Church, whose faith was so deep, so manly, so steadfast.

The State of Connecticut will be grateful for his many years of service both at home and in Washington. Eastern Connecticut, the length and breadth of which he traveled on weekends when he returned from Washington, tired and exhausted after long hours and days in Congress, all the citizens of this Second Congressional District, no matter what their party affiliation, recognized in him a gifted leader, whose life was devoted to the welfare of the people and of the Nation.

What was there about BILL that made him the wonderful person that he was? What motivated him? What was it that influenced him and inspired him to be such a devoted family man, such a concerned citizen, such a dedicated public servant, such a faithful son of the Church?

I think the answer can be given in one word—LOVE. Because he loved his family, he devoted himself to their care, protection, nourishment and growth.

Because he loved his community, he plunged at an early age into its affairs and gave of himself and of his talents, his excellent education, his genuine selflessness.

Because he loved the people of the four counties of eastern Connecticut, and because he loved this Nation which he had served in time of war, he spent himself in the service of Connecticut and of America, very often at the sacrifice of personal and family pleasures and joys.

Because he loved his Church, he remained faithful, and drew from his religion the moral strength to live a life of complete integrity.

Yes, the answer is LOVE. Love was the reason.

The word "love" is a word that is used very loosely today. It is scrawled on walls and painted on banners. But love is more easily written than lived. Love is more often betrayed than followed.

True love never destroys. It creates. True love never tears down. It builds. Real love does not separate or polarize. It unites.

Young people sing that what the world needs now is LOVE. And they are right. But the kind of love the world needs is the love exemplified in the life of Bill St. Onge. Love for the good and in the service of others, no matter what the cost to self.

This kind of love is the kind that ultimately prevails. This is the love that wins the final victory—even victory over death. It conquers death, because the good it does live on. It overcomes death because it is united with the love of the Risen Lord Who overcame death by His Resurrection.

Death is not the end, but only the beginning. We Christians believe that, and we believe it sincerely. It's at a time like this that our faith is put to the test. We do believe that death is not final. It is the beginning of the fulfillment of life, a life truly without end, a life where all who have loved one another will come together never to be parted again, when all who have loved will rejoice with unending joy.

Into such a life Bill St. Onge has passed, and there he awaits the coming to him of all whom he loved here on earth.

In the meantime let us all with Christian patience and Christian hope bear our loss, temporary but no less anguished.

To his beloved mother, Alama, to his devoted wife, Dorothy, and their children, to his two brothers and his sister, we express our sincere sympathy. We pray that the Lord of all consolation will comfort them in their grief and sustain them in their sorrow.

At the end of the funeral Mass, as we leave the church in recessional, faithful to our Christian belief in life eternal, we shall sing, not a sad dirge of mourning, but a confident hymn of hope and of Easter joy.

Alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done.
The victory of life is won.
The song of life eternal has begun.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

IN THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADDRESS BY HON. EMANUEL CELLER

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, at its meeting on May 5, 1970, the Committee on the Judiciary adopted the following resolution. It bespeaks the respect and affection all the members of the committee had for BILL ST. ONGE:

RESOLUTION

Whereas WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE having passed away on Friday, May 1, 1970; and

Whereas WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE has been a member of this committee beginning with the 88th Congress; and

Whereas WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE earned the affection and respect of the members of the committee by his humility, his dedication to the work of this committee, his service to the highest principles of the House of Representatives; and

Whereas his integrity, his civility, and warmth contributed greatly to the harmony and spirit of this committee; and Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, expresses its great sorrow at the passing of its beloved member, WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE; and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Committee; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to his wife; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be inserted in the Congressional Record.

Adopted May 5, 1970.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN M. MURPHY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, BILL ST. ONGE was more to me than just a colleague. He was a friend.

His passing was a particular shock to me. As a fellow member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, he was a wise counselor to me in the formation of important legislation. As a colleague in the House, his sage advice was always welcome. As a fellow Democrat, he was a politician's politician, and as a friend, his quiet confidence and good humor were inspirational.

WILLIAM LEON ST. ONGE was many things: lawyer, combat veteran, probate judge, State representative, mayor of Putnam, city court judge, prosecutor, board of education member, corporation counsel, and U.S. Representative from Connecticut's Second District. All of these things he did well.

He died while engaged in the work of his office, serving the people of his district. BILL was driving to a launching ceremony at the time of his death. His wife, Dorothy, was with him and members of his staff were with him. So he died in pursuit of his duty. That is how BILL ST. ONGE would have wanted it.

All of us in the House, particularly those of us who served closely with him in the committee, will always have in mind his courtesy, kindness, his devotion to his constituents, his high standards of individual integrity, and his dedication to excellence in the performance of his congressional duties. I know that I will miss him.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES M. HANLEY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues today in expressing my shock and regret over the untimely death of BILL ST. ONGE. A finer human being never graced the Chambers of the House of Representatives.

BILL was one of the first Members I met when I was elected to the Congress, and our friendship grew greatly during the intervening years. I often sought him out when I had matters pending before both the Judiciary and Merchant Marine Committees, and he was always helpful.

Although we were all aware of his health problem, we were also amazed at the way in which he plunged into his work, more interested in the plight of his constituents than in his own well being. He was a dedicated Member of Congress and a true representative of his people. Connecticut will miss his firm voice here in the House. His colleagues will miss his wisdom and his wit. Most of all, however, Mr. Speaker, his family will miss a loving husband and a dedicated father. I extend to his family my deepest personal regrets.

ADDRESS BY HON. GLENN M. ANDERSON

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, although I knew the Honorable WILLIAM ST. ONGE only briefly, I grew to respect and admire both the man and his work. He was well-liked, I feel sure, by not only his friends, but his adversaries as well, due to his warm, sincere manner. He always had a smile, he always had humility, and he always had reverence. Congressman ST. ONGE's genuine empathy for his fellowman was evident in his speech, in his conduct. I feel certain that the people of the Second District of Connecticut, no matter what their political affiliation, feel that they have lost a very good friend.

Congressman ST. ONGE's stand on the issues was always supported by his thorough knowledge of the subject to which he addressed himself. When he spoke, he had the knack of pinpointing the problem, and he had the ability to present lucid, logical solutions that hit at the heart of the matter.

It seems inadequate to merely extend words of sympathy to his wife and family, but I am sure that their experience and life with him has been of such quality that it makes up for the inadequacy of these expressions.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, on May 1, 1970, the United States lost a devoted public servant.

Congressman WILLIAM LEON ST. ONGE spent most of his adult life in service to his country. His public career spanned the three branches of government at the local, State, and Federal levels. BILL ST. ONGE was a city prosecutor, a judge, a mayor, a State legislator, and, finally, a U.S. Congressman.

It was my good fortune to have the opportunity to work with this dedicated and able man on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. His constructive contributions to that committee were invaluable.

Mr. Speaker, because of his outstanding record of service and his gentle nature, BILL ST. ONGE will be profoundly missed in this Chamber.

My wife and family join me in expressing our deep sympathy to Mrs. St. Onge, her children, and other members of the St. Onge family.

ADDRESS BY HON. LUCIEN N. NEDZI

OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Speaker, it was with deep regret that I learned of the sudden passing of our colleague WILLIAM ST. ONGE.

It is a pity that BILL ST. ONGE was taken from us while still in the prime of his public life. He was a dedicated public servant in the highest sense of those words. He was unassuming, ethical, and industrious in his preparations.

His pattern of public service promised a solid contribution to the affairs of the U.S. Congress. He was successively a judge of probate in his hometown of Putnam, Conn., State representative, mayor, prosecutor, corporation counsel, and then a Member of Congress.

We who are in politics cherish the good men who honorably practice this profession. As Andrew Oliver said in Boston more than 150 years ago:

> Politics is the most hazardous of all professions. There is not another in which a man can hope to do so much good to his fellow creatures; neither is there any in which, by a mere loss of nerve, he may do such widespread harm; nor is there another in which he may so easily lose his own soul; nor is there another in which a positive and strict veracity is so difficult. But danger is the inseparable companion of honor. With all the temptations and degradations that beset it, politics is still the noblest career any man can choose.

When I think of WILLIAM ST. ONGE, I will think of those words. We will miss him greatly.

ADDRESS BY HON. SEYMOUR HALPERN

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, with a deep sense of personal regret, I would take this occasion to pay my respects to the memory of the Honorable WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE of the Connecticut Second District. His conscientious spirit, while serving as a Member of the House of Representatives, placed him in the forefront of those public officials truly concerned with the requirements of Government. Astute, energetic, and remarkably capable in a hundred different ways, he was one of the best of us, and we shall miss him to an extraordinary extent.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, BILL ST. ONGE displayed at all times a forceful knowledge of the law, acquired in large part at the Connecticut University Law School. He also was fully aware of human needs in general and could always be counted on to serve as the representative of justice.

BILL ST. ONGE was a native of Connecticut and a graduate of Tufts College. Entering politics at an early age, he was elected State representative but resigned to serve in North Africa and Europe as a member of the Army Air Corps. In this capacity he was awarded five battle stars during these months service overseas. Returning home, he studied law, was admitted to bar, and entered upon his career, at Putnam, Conn., where he was elected and appointed to a

vast array of public offices, ranging from probate judge to city prosecutor and city judge, to chairman of the housing authority, director of the redevelopment agency, and mayor, before being elected to Congress. In addition to his legal abilities, BILL ST. ONGE was always interested in nautical matters, and upon his arrival in Washington was at once appointed to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. In keeping with this development, he was selected as a member of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

During my years in Washington, I never had the pleasure of working with anyone more concerned, conscientious, or able than BILL ST. ONGE, who served his district and the country with a special zeal and ability deserving of the highest commendation.

The loss of Congressman ST. ONGE is a serious blow not only to his friends and relatives, but to his constituents, his colleagues, his party, and the Congress itself.

ADDRESS BY HON. DANTE B. FASCELL

OF FLORIDA

Mr. Speaker, the passing of our friend and colleague, WILLIAM ST. ONGE, has moved many of us to express publicly our sense of loss, the sorrow we feel for his family, and the deep respect in which his memory is held by all who knew him. It is my privilege to share in this expression of tribute to a man whose public and private lives were united by his personal integrity and sense of civic responsibility.

His career in this House had, in a sense only begun. He came here in 1962, and in his 8 years of service served with distinction on the Judiciary Committee and the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. His previous career had prepared him well for his work in this House. Attorney and judge, mayor and State representative, he understood the life process of popular government at the local and State level, and he brought to the Congress a wealth of insight into the problems of American democracy. He was deeply sensitive to the cause of justice and that respect for the law which is the basis of any free society.

To his wife and children I extend my heartfelt sympathy, knowing that their strength in their loss, today and in the years to come, will be found in the memory of his life.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN J. ROONEY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I was shocked to learn of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM ST. ONGE and I share with my colleagues their grief at his passing. BILL ST. ONGE was a gentleman, a dedicated and hard working legislator and a very fine human. His career of public service was a long and rewarding one—decorated soldier, judge, prosecutor, State legislator, and mayor and for the past seven and a half years the able and diligent representative of the people of the Second Congressional District of Connecticut. We shall all miss BILL. His lovely wife and children have my deepest sympathy and prayers in their time of loss.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOE L. EVINS

OF TENNESSEE

Mr. Speaker, recently when I saw the flag flying at half-mast over the Capitol I inquired of a colleague as to the reason and was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely passing of our colleague and friend, the gentleman from Connecticut, the late Representative WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE.

I want to take this means of joining with the Members from Connecticut and others in paying a brief but sincere tribute to the memory of this fine man—a scholarly gentleman, able, genial, kindly—a man beloved by his colleagues.

BILL served ably and well as a Member of the 88th and succeeding Congresses. He served his district, State, and Nation faithfully and

diligently. His work on the Committee on the Judiciary and Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee was outstanding.

I also want to take this means of extending to Mrs. St. Onge and their five wonderful children and other members of the family this expression of my deepest and most sincere sympathy in their loss and bereavement.

ADDRESS BY HON. EDWARD I. KOCH

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I am a freshman Member of this House and I remember that when I came to Washington one of the first Members to befriend me was BILL ST. ONGE.

To a new Member, the House is sometimes overwhelming because of its tradition and history. BILL ST. ONGE, recognizing and understanding the anxieties of a freshman, went out of his way to be helpful to me.

BILL was a sensitive and modest person with a gentle but wry sense of humor. I always will remember his consideration and many kindnesses—and particularly the help and encouragement he gave me when one of my bills was the subject of a hearing before his subcommittee.

I am so sorry for his family and can only say to them that the Members of this House who knew him mourn with them. We shall miss his warm friendship but remember his singular commitment to his fellow man.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOSEPH P. ADDABBO

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, we have lost a friend whose warm personality and kind nature endeared him to all who knew him. Our colleague from

the State of Connecticut, WILLIAM ST. ONGE, was a colleague in every sense of that word and his premature passing will leave a feeling of emptyness in this Chamber which can never be filled.

I join in extending my sympathies to Mrs. St. Onge and to their five children, who must take comfort in the unblemished reputation which BILL earned for himself and for them while serving his constituents. Few men reach that height of admiration and respect but BILL was such a man.

BILL ST. ONGE was a man who really cared about people and their problems and perhaps for that reason, people sincerely cared about BILL. They will share the burden of his passing and they will be better human beings because of their concern.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES A. BYRNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, we have all lost a treasured colleague and I a close and dear personal friend with the untimely death of Representative WILLIAM LEON ST. ONGE.

During our joint service on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, I had the opportunity of seeing BILL ST. ONGE in action, to recognize those qualities of leadership and scholarship that made him an outstanding Member of this body.

His service in the 88th, 89th, 90th, and 91st Congresses climaxed a life of community and public service, cut short at the age of 55.

After graduating from Tufts College in 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with distinction in the North African and European theaters. Discharged in September 1945, BILL began a career of marriage with his lovely and devoted wife, Dorothy, and a career in law by entering the University of Connecticut Law School. Three years later, he received his degree and began his distinguished life in public service.

His preeminence in law and public affairs was well recognized by his native city of Putnam, which he served as mayor, judge, corporation counsel, prosecutor, State representative, and chairman and executive director of its redevelopment authority.

Upon his election to the Congress in 1962, the counties of Middlesex, New London, Tolland, and Windham received a hard-working, devoted, and conscientious Representative; and the Congress received youthful, dynamic leadership.

Our hearts go out to BILL's devoted Dorothy and their five wonderful children, Bill, Suzanne, Constance, Anne, and Mary, for the loss of a loving husband and father.

At the same time, we must reflect on the great loss suffered by this body with the death of our brilliant colleague and friend. We will miss his counsel and leadership.

ADDRESS BY HON. SILVIO O. CONTE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate having the opportunity at this time to honor the memory and devoted service of one of our most distinguished colleagues, BILL ST. ONGE. His death marks the loss of not only a great friend and colleague, but also a fine man who worked tirelessly in this body for the good of the Nation and his constituents.

As we know, one does not gain the honor of being elected to this body without hard work and dedication to duty. These traits were paramount in BILL ST. ONGE's life. After compiling a distinguished record as a student in both the United States and France, and as a soldier in World War II, BILL returned to Connecticut to make outstanding contributions to his community and State as an attorney, judge, and professor.

BILL's superiority in his performance of these duties, as well as his qualities as a fine person, made him an ideal congressional candidate from the Second District of Connecticut. This came about in 1962 when WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE was elected to the House of Representatives as a Member of the 88th Congress. BILL was with us from then until his sad passing last week. His margin of victory in each succeeding election from 1962 until his last election in 1968 was larger every time, a firm indication of the faith the citizens of Connecticut's Second District invested in his total ability as their Representative. That

faith and confidence was not restricted to his constituency, however, for he was held in high esteem by his colleagues and all of those in the Capitol that knew him.

BILL continued to work in Congress on his intense interest in and concern for more adequate housing and conservation programs. His responsiveness to the changing needs of the country and his district was a subject of admiration for all of us. In short, Mr. Speaker, this was an exceptional representative, statesman, and person who has passed so tragically from our midst. It is only fitting that we have a moment of silence in memory of my fellow Congressman from New England. The honor of working with this fine man for over 7 years is superseded only by the sad prospect of having to go on working without him.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES C. CLEVELAND

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened when I heard of the passing of our fellow colleague from Connecticut, BILL ST. ONGE. BILL was a good Congressman who worked hard and ably for the people of his district and New England. His presence on the floor of this great assemblage and his initiatives to institute fair and equitable legislation will be greatly missed by us and the constituents of the Second Congressional District of Connecticut.

His deep concern for the consumers of his district, New England, and the entire country exemplifies BILL's efforts for a better country in which to live. Last month BILL joined myself and 61 other colleagues in cosponsoring the Conte-Reuss bipartisan oil import resolution pertaining to the Oil Import Task Force report in an attempt to bring some relief to the homeowners in this country who heat their homes with No. 2 heating oil. BILL recognized this problem and the inflation of spiraling oil heat costs in his district and throughout the country, and was quick to respond to the pressing need for immediate action. This is but one example of his ability to responsively face one of the countless problems confronting us today.

Bill's long and distinguished career in public service should serve as an inspiration to those of us who knew him well and to the people of his district. His career is a perfect example of a concerned citizen getting something done for his community, his country, and the world. Although we sometimes disagreed, Bill St. Onge represented the people of his district effectively and well.

The House of Representatives is grieved by the loss of our dedicated colleague and good friend, Bill St. Onge. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Bill's family, friends, and staff.

ADDRESS BY HON. THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR.

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to join my distinguished colleague in paying tribute to the Honorable William L. St. Onge, late a Representative of the Second District of Connecticut. At a time when our Nation needs all of its good men, the loss of Bill St. Onge is felt most deeply. Now, in the midst of growing crisis, the absence of Bill St. Onge is felt strongly by every Member of the House.

Bill was a dedicated and determined public servant. His name was not often in the headlines, for he was a quiet man. Bill's satisfaction came from knowing that he was accomplishing a great deal for the people of his district, and indeed for the entire Nation. Bill was interested in enacting programs that would provide for the needs of all people in America, and in enabling them to progress and develop.

Bill's concern was for the growth and progress of the Nation and its people, for equality of opportunity, and for the protection of civil and economic rights. In the Halls of Congress, Bill St. Onge produced a legislative record that reflects that concern.

As a man who wanted a decent standard of living for all Americans, Bill actively and vigorously supported medicare, social security increases, the food stamp program, and many other social programs. As a man who wanted to enlarge the cultural horizons of the American public, Bill was an avid supporter of the Arts and Humanities Foundation.

In every fight to improve the quality of American life, BILL ST. ONGE was there—quiet but forcefully determined.

BILL's personal qualities, his integrity, his humor, and his dedication, brought honor to this House and his colleagues. His family, though grieved, must take some solace from that fact and from the great work that BILL accomplished here.

I knew BILL best from our work on matters affecting the New England region. The New England delegation is a cooperative one, and BILL was one of its hardest and most dedicated workers. He readily saw the complexity of issues and was eager to find the solutions to problems.

BILL was always a faithful and hard-working Representative of his district. His office was always open to those who had problems, who needed help.

I am grieved at our loss. I extend my deepest sympathy to BILL's lovely wife, to their five children, and to all his friends.

ADDRESS BY HON. CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI

OF WISCONSIN

Mr. Speaker, the passing of a competent and compassionate man is all the more distressing during difficult times such as these.

Congressman WILLIAM ST. ONGE combined in his life ability and dedication as a public servant with extraordinary warmth and humanity. In often heated debates on controversial issues he refused to resort to pettiness and personal attacks. His balanced view of the questions he faced reflected both his conviction in the public good and his tolerance for others.

His presence in the House will be sorely missed.

Thus, we mourn the untimely death of Congressman ST. ONGE and extend our sympathy to his wife and children.

At the same time we know that his loved ones can take pride in the fact that his life was a full one which was distinguished by dedicated service to his country.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM D. FORD

OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of Representative WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE has taken from this Congress an effective legislator, a patriotic American, and an exceptionally fine human being.

Since my earliest days as a Member of the House, I had found BILL ST. ONGE to be a warm and friendly person, always willing to cooperate and always willing to offer advice and assistance to newer members.

As a dedicated public official, BILL ST. ONGE was always ready to stand and be counted on the issues. He was also willing to hear all arguments and listen to all sides. This quality made him a valuable and influential member of the House.

During his relatively short lifetime of 55 years, BILL ST. ONGE accomplished much, and left an impressive record. He was an attorney, a soldier, probate judge, State representative, mayor, prosecuting attorney and member of the board of education.

I consider myself privileged to have known BILL ST. ONGE as a colleague and a friend. I offer my warm condolences to his wife and five children, who are buoyed in their sorrow, I am sure, by the knowledge that he lived a full and rewarding life.

ADDRESS BY HON. PHILLIP BURTON

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, the Members of this House were saddened to learn of the death of our colleague, WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE.

He was a dedicated public servant and a fine and warm human being. He served the people of his district, State, and the Nation ably with a deep personal concern and commitment. His voice and his presence will be missed in this Chamber.

I join with my colleagues in expressing regret and most sincere sympathy to his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. FRANK HORTON

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened by the death of our colleague, WILLIAM ST. ONGE. I wish to join my colleagues in expressing my condolences to BILL's family and all who knew him.

The contributions that BILL made to society are well documented. It is a record of which all who knew him can be proud. As his "next-door neighbor" in the Cannon Office Building, his passing is a special loss to me.

BILL was born in Putnam, Conn., October 9, 1914, an area that he served for life. He graduated from Tufts College in 1941, and from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1948. During World War II, he served in North Africa and Europe.

BILL devoted his life to public service.

He was a man intimately acquainted with his constituency. He served as mayor of Putnam, judge of the city court of Putnam, prosecutor of the city court of Putnam, chairman and executive director of redevelopment agency of the city of Putnam, a member of the board of education, judge of probate, and State representative.

BILL and I came to the 88th Congress together. Since that time, I developed a deep respect for his talents and legislative ability. He was reelected to the 89th, 90th, and 91st Congresses. He served ably on the Judiciary Committee and the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

I am thankful that I had the privilege to know BILL. I shall deeply miss him as a colleague and friend.

ADDRESS BY HON. HUGH L. CAREY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a few words of praise in the memory of Congressman WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE who has left these Halls—a quiet man gone in a moment of turmoil.

Bill St. Onge was a devoted father who will be sorely missed by his five handsome children, William, Mary, Suzanne, Constance, and Anne and by his loving wife, Dorothy.

Schooled at Tufts University, trained to be a lawyer at the University of Connecticut School of Law, a World War II veteran of the North African and European campaigns, Bill St. Onge returned to this country determined to serve it as a public official. He became a judge of probate, a State representative in Connecticut, a member of the board of education in Putnam, the mayor of Putnam, and a judge in the city court of Putnam. In all of those capacities he served the people selflessly and competently, and leaves behind many who miss him deeply.

Bill St. Onge was a deeply compassionate man, a reasonable man. He never wanted or pretended to be anything other than exactly what he was: a deeply religious man who believed in hard work and objective thought.

Those of us in the Congress at this time should pause to mark the passing of this man, not only because of his virtue in life, but because in death he remains as an example of how quietly and reasonably we may conduct ourselves as Members of the National Legislature, beset with trouble from abroad and here at home.

In the passing of Bill St. Onge I have lost not only a colleague but a very good friend.

ADDRESS BY HON. BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened by the sudden death of my good friend and colleague, William L. St. Onge, of Connecticut.

The House of Representatives has lost one of its most active and respected Members with his death.

I felt a certain kinship with BILL ST. ONGE, as we had served together in Congress for 8 years. I had come to know him quite well, and greatly admired him for his dedication to his work, and his obvious devotion to his family.

He served his State and country to the best of his ability—first in the State legislature, then in the military service, and subsequently in the House of Representatives where he ably demonstrated his talents and his desires to serve others even at the cost to self.

His conduct was exemplary during his years as a Representative from the State of Connecticut, and I am certain that his influence will continue to be felt by us in the Halls of Congress for many years to come.

He was warm and outgoing, and he will be sorely missed by all of us who had the privilege of knowing him, for even a short time.

I extend to his lovely wife and wonderful family my deepest sympathies, and I pray that they will be comforted in their sorrow.

PROCEEDINGS

IN THE

UNITED STATES SENATE

Proceedings in the Senate

TUESDAY, *May 5, 1970.*

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on House Resolution 966.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Dole) laid before the Senate a resolution (H. Res. 966) which was read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, a Representative from the State of Connecticut.

Resolved, That a committee of fifteen Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I submit a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution offered by the Senator from Connecticut will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 403) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, late a Representative from the State of Connecticut.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now recess.

Mr. BYRD of West Virginia. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I move, in accordance with the previous order and pursuant to Senate Resolution 403, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative from Connecticut, that the Senate stand in recess until 11 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 5 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 6, 1970, at 11 o'clock a.m.

ADDRESS BY HON. ABRAHAM A. RIBICOFF

OF CONNECTICUT

Mr. President, WILLIAM L. ST. ONGE, the U.S. Representative from the Second Congressional District of Connecticut, died on Friday, May 1.

BILL ST. ONGE was my friend, and I feel his loss deeply.

He was stricken by a heart attack as he drove to a submarine launching in the New London-Groton area of his district. He was 55 years old.

BILL ST. ONGE was a responsible and effective Congressman.

He served with distinction on two key House committees, Judiciary and Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

His unassuming and modest manner won him many friends in the Congress.

BILL ST. ONGE's colleagues knew and respected him as a man of integrity, warmth, and dedication.

Yet, BILL was a fighter for a principle or a cause he believed in.

He represented his constituents with uncommon determination, and he was ever faithful to his commitment to a liberal philosophy based on justice and fairplay for all.

I had the privilege and pleasure of working on many projects with BILL ST. ONGE over the years, and I never ceased to be impressed by his dedication to the welfare of the people he represented.

My legislation to create a Connecticut River National Recreation Area—a Federal parkland in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Rhode Island—won enthusiastic support from BILL, and he was the principal sponsor of the bill in the House.

In fact, BILL was to have joined the tour of the proposed parkland which Senator Bible's Parks and Recreation Subcommittee and other Federal and State officials will make this Friday and Saturday.

On another important conservation issue in Connecticut, Long Island Sound, BILL ST. ONGE was, typically, in the forefront.

The pollution that plagues Long Island Sound was a great concern to BILL, and he was instrumental in focusing attention on this serious problem long before the ecological crusade became fashionable.

Again, BILL ST. ONGE and I worked together. He was to have testified in New London on June 22 at hearing of my Executive Reorganization Subcommittee as we examined legislation to create a commission to study the problems of the Sound and make recommendations for solving them.

In short, BILL ST. ONGE could be counted on for his valuable support on important issues of all kinds, from conservation to education to welfare to national security.

One effort particularly meaningful to him was the economic growth and orderly development of his district. It was a subject he and I worked together on in the past, and all of us in the Connecticut delegation will miss his guidance, judgment, and leadership on this matter in the future.

It is not surprising, then, that BILL ST. ONGE enjoyed the support of Democrats and Republicans and Independents as well. They knew he was working for them all the time and that political considerations were secondary.

Suffering from a recurrent heart ailment in recent years, BILL could have used the excuse of his health to slow down a step or two.

But he was not the sort of man who looked for excuses. Nor was he much for slowing down.

All 411,000 people of the Second Congressional District had sent him to Washington to represent them, he told his friends, and they would be represented with every ounce of energy and experience and knowledge he could command.

True to his word, BILL ST. ONGE went right ahead with his congressional duties with vigor and enthusiasm, concerned more for the needs of the people of the Second District than for his own health.

BILL ST. ONGE came to the House of Representatives in 1963 with vast experience in public service that included a courageous combat record in World War II and distinguished achievements as mayor of his hometown of Putnam and as a State representative.

Mrs. Ribicoff and I have known BILL ST. ONGE for many years and will miss him very much. To his wife, Dorothy, and their five children, William, Mary, Suzanne, Constance, and Anne, we extend our deepest sympathies.

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